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All; Mathy has asked what our long term strategy for sediments. Is this statement ok?

We have an initial strategy for sediment sampling to assess an immediate decision on re-opening the river to recreation. Long term sediment assessments will be developed over the next couple of weeks.

This river drains a mining district that has a multi decade history of mine discharges and large releases of mining and milling wastes. Sediment assessment in the upper reaches above Silverton has been limited but efforts in the last two years have been conducted to develop an screening ecological risk assessment and continued before this most recent incident.

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